

REMARKS

I. STATUS OF THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-11 and 13-19 are currently pending. Of these, claims 1-10 and 17 are allowed, and claims 13 and 14 are "objected to".

Rejected claims 11 and 15 are amended to be dependent from allowed claim 1. More specifically, claims 11 and 15 are amended to include the same language as the originally filed claims 11 and 15, respectively, but to be dependent from allowed claim 1. Therefore, claims 11 and 15 should now clearly be allowable. Claims 13, 14 and 16 should also be allowable, as these claims are dependent from a claim that should now be allowable.

Claims 17 and 18 are amended to take into consideration the Examiner's comments in the claim objection in item 2 on page 2 of the outstanding Office Action.

II. CONCLUSION

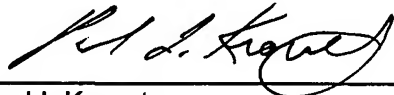
In view of the above, it is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is earnestly solicited.

If any further fees are required in connection with the filing of this response, please charge such fees to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

Respectfully submitted,

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